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SECNAV INSTRUCTION 10520.5

From: Secretary of the Navy
To: All Ships and Stations

Subj: USE OF THE SUBMARINE CENTENNIAL FLAG DURING THE
CENTENNIAL OF THE U.S. NAVY SUBMARINE FORCE

Ref: (a) U.S. Navy Regulations, 1990

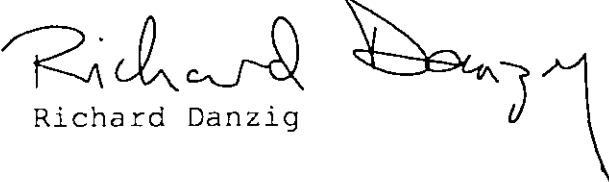
1. Purpose. To provide for the display of the Submarine Centennial Flag on board all U.S. Navy submarines and submarine tenders during the U.S. Navy Submarine Force's Centennial in the year 2000 as a colorful and historic reminder of the Submarine Force's origin and contribution to the nation.

2. Background. The USS Holland (SS-1) was purchased by the U.S. Navy from John Holland following acceptance trials on April 11, 1900. Powered by a gasoline engine on the surface and battery supplied electric motors while submerged, Holland's design included several technical advancements over other early submarine designs which satisfied the Navy's concerns regarding the suitability of such a vessel. USS Holland (SS-1) demonstrated to the U.S. Navy the potential of the submarine as a fighting platform. Dramatic modifications and improvements to the submarine have been made since the USS Holland. However, it was only due to the success of the USS Holland that the U.S. Navy pursued the submarine program. For this reason, the Submarine Force traditionally recognizes April 11 as the anniversary of its establishment. The display of the Submarine Centennial Flag during the Submarine Force's 100th birthday is a most appropriate form of recognition and will promote pride of service, enhance morale, and contribute to the tradition of the naval service.

3. Action. The Submarine Centennial Flag will be displayed on board all U.S. Navy submarines and submarine tenders in lieu of the Union Jack, in accordance with the requirements of sections 1259 and 1264 of reference (a), from 0800 1 January 2000 to sunset on 31 December 2000. The use of the Submarine Centennial Flag during this period is an authorized exception to section 1258 of reference (a). This exception to section 1258 of

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reference (a) is terminated at sunset on 31 December 2000, at which time the Union Jack will be the only authorized Jack. Submarines and submarine tenders of the Navy authorized to fly the Submarine Centennial Flag will receive an issue of nine flags per ship (six normal and three holiday size) through a special distribution prior to 01 January 2000.


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